



# Sahuaro Weekly Update



*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*

**Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona**

**February 3, 2012**



**Glendale Launches New Prescription Drug Savings Program.** A new prescription drug discount program available to residents was launched by the city of Glendale and Financial Marketing Concepts, Inc. (FMC) on Thursday.

The new Coast2Coast Rx card will allow all Glendale residents, regardless of income, age or health status to participate in the program and save on the cost of their medications. In 2011, this program saved cardholders throughout the nation more than 55% on the cost of prescription drugs. Pet medication discounts are available through this program as well. The Rx card will be distributed free of charge and can be used at all pharmacy chains and most independent pharmacies and includes more than 60,000 drugs in its formulary.

Providing savings for residents through the Rx program will come at no expense to the city. In fact, FMC will pay the city of Glendale a royalty of \$1.25 per prescription and the royalty does not

impact the cardholder. The card also provides dental, vision, diabetes and hearing, lab and imaging discounts, helping residents save on costs for these services.

The Coast2Coast Rx card is available at most participating pharmacies, governmental offices, libraries and Glendale public facilities. The Coast2Coast Rx card will provide residents with a valuable option to help maintain their health and wellbeing at an affordable cost. [Click here](#) or call 623-930-2868 for more information or to print a card.

**Neighborhood Dialogue Meeting with Vice Mayor Frate.** Vice Mayor Steve Frate will be hosting an informal meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, February 15 at Arrowhead Town Center, 7700 W. Arrowhead Towne Center Drive (75th Avenue/Bell Rd.) The meeting will be held on the lower level, in front of the Sears store.

Frate is encouraging Glendale residents to stop by his "Neighborhood Dialogue" and discuss their ideas and suggestions for Glendale. The casual atmosphere allows citizens to stay for a few minutes or longer as time permits. For more information, call the City Council Office at 623-930-2016.

**Water and Sewer Task Force.** There are still openings on the new Citizens Task Force on Water and Sewer services. This Task Force will consider all issues related to water and sewer services, including rate structures. Additional information regarding specifics of the Task Force (such as how often they will meet, dates, times, etc.) will be forthcoming.

Please consider an appointment to this Task Force. Glendale residents, including current board and commission members, are eligible to apply. [Click here](#) to fill out an application online, or call the City Council Office at 623-930-2249 for more information.

**Glendale Hosts Free Community Event to Help Homeowners Prevent Foreclosure.** The city of Glendale in partnership with the Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force will host a free community event offering numerous resources to homeowners possibly facing foreclosure. Residents are invited on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 3 to 8 p.m. to the Glendale Adult Center at 5970 W. Brown St. to meet with representatives from the Task Force, housing counseling organizations, lenders and city departments such as Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance to answer questions and provide advice.

The Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force will provide one-on-one counseling with certified, bilingual counselors and/or lender representatives. Participate in workshops covering topics such as loan modifications, short sales, credit repair, scam awareness and more. All homeowners Valley-wide who are experiencing financial hardship, are behind on home payments and unsure about what to do, can find the assistance they need at this one-stop event. [Click here](#) for more information on this community event.

For more information on Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, [click here](#).

## Luke Forward Urgent Action Request.

The following message is sent on behalf of the Luke Forward initiative: ***The future of Luke Air Force Base is in your hands.*** Help Luke retain its seven-decade tradition of training the world's greatest fighter pilots. If awarded the F-35 training mission, Luke remains strong for decades to come, and can anticipate seeing an infusion of \$120-\$206 million in construction-related projects over the next few years. Much of this investment will positively impact the state's economy with local labor and suppliers of construction material.

The new mission will also generate additional employment and construction jobs, wages, consumer spending and investments throughout the West Valley and state.

Please help by sending an electronic postcard to the U.S. Air Force affirming that Luke AFB is the right location for the F-35 mission. [Click here](#) to send the postcard.

If you prefer to send your own letter, please use the following:

HQ AETC/A7CPP,  
Attn: David Martin, Air Force Contractor  
and Kim Fornof  
266 F Street West, Bldg. 901  
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4319

Email [aetc.a7cpp.inbox@us.af.mil](mailto:aetc.a7cpp.inbox@us.af.mil)

**All written comments must be postmarked or received by March 14.**

**You could also attend a Public Hearing and Voice Your Support!** We encourage you to attend one of the four upcoming public hearings to voice your support for the F-35 mission personally. All hearings include an open house session from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a presentation and formal public comment session from 6 to 8 p.m.

- Feb 13: Wigwam Resort, Ballroom
- Feb 14: El Mirage Elementary School
- Feb 15: Sundial Recreation Center
- Feb 16: Gila Bend Unified School District

[Read more.](#)

**Garage Door Emergency Release Burglaries.** Garage Door Emergency Release Burglaries are a recent property crime trend occurring in Glendale. Criminals can access your garage in less than 6 seconds by using this method, then take items from inside the garage. Please use the following prevention tips to deter criminals and protect your property.

- Remove the glass and replace it with panels
- If you don't want to remove the glass, place shatter proof film on it. This can be purchased from retailers that sell residential glass.
- Zip-tie the emergency release cord up to the garage arm. There are videos online demonstrating how to properly do this.
- Special locks and garage motion detectors can be purchased from security companies. Do not remove the emergency release cord. Security companies can provide you with alternatives to removing the cord.

**Cell Phone Users Can Register for Emergency Notifications (Reverse 9-1-1.)** Thanks to a regional investment in a new software system, you can register your cell phone or voice-over IP (VoIP) systems to receive emergency notifications. For more information or to register your cell phone, [click here](#).

## Around Town



**Glendale Chocolate Affaire — Starts tonight!** This weekend, Feb. 3-5, is a delicious delight for the senses as the Glendale Chocolate Affaire takes over downtown Glendale to create a chocolate-lover's dream! [Read more.](#)

**Registration is now open for the Glendale University Spring 2012 curriculum!** The classes will be held in the evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. starting on March 12. In order to graduate from the course, students must attend at least eight of the 10 classes. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as finance, library, police and fire services. For more information or to register online, [click here](#) or call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868.

**22nd Annual Antique Tractor Show.** Join us for the Tractor Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11 and Sunday, Feb. 12 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more. The cost is \$5 per person, ages 12 and under are free. Presented by the Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association. For more information, call 623-930-4200.

**“Real Moms Love to Eat.”** Healthy lifestyle and nutrition expert Beth Aldrich will discuss and sign her new book, “Real Moms Love to Eat at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 18 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, please call 623-930-3439.

**Paris in the Spring.** Experience the fine food, culture and shopping of Paris without making a trip half-way around the world from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 in downtown Glendale. For more information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

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